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1. Yugoslavia proposes Trieste solution--US Ambassador Dunn in Rome has been informed by an Italian Government official that, during a meeting in Belgrade between the Italian Minister there and two Yugoslav officials, the Yugoslavs stated that their Government sincerely wished to solve outstanding questions with Italy. The Yugoslav officials commented that the Trieste issue hung like a dark cloud over Italo-Yugoslav relations and then reported that their Government was now convinced that a solution to the Trieste issue was not possible along ethnic lines and had to be on the basis of Zone A going to Italy and Zone B going Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav representatives also stated that their Government was prepared to enter into such an agreement with Italy as soon as practical and that Yugoslavia was prepared to renounce all claims to Trieste as a part of this agreement. According to Dunn's informant, the Italian Minister merely responded that any such proposal as that outlined by the Yugoslav officials would be entirely unsatisfactory to the Italian Government.

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